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"Let her Go, Gallagher!!!"

## A TOBOGGAN SLIDE

IN PRICES OF

Ladies' Short Wraps,  
Plush, Matlesse  
And Beaver Cloaks

Will commence at LYNCH'S on Saturday, Jan. 1, 1887, and continue until the entire stock of this class of goods has been "slid" off. Even if you don't want to purchase, come and see the Toboggan Prices! You will find the sensation most pleasurable and exhilarating.

A. LYNCH.

HAPPY  
New Year!

GREAT  
CLOSING OUT  
SALE

Now in Progress

AT

H. J. GILLEN'S.

CLOAKS  
AND  
DRESS GOODS

And all Winter Goods

MARKED DOWN!

To Close Out within the Coming weeks.

Greatest Bargains of  
the season in  
all lines

AT H. J. GILLEN'S.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE  
AND HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONE. 150.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies,

To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with Good Horses on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.

Remember the place—On Madison street, east of subject, one block west of new court house.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9, 1887.

PETER EGAN.

Public Sales.  
On Jan. 20th John Feely will sell at auction, 12 head of horses, 12 head of cattle, pigs and farm implements, in the town of Rutland, 4 miles northeast of Marseilles, at 10 A. M. One year's time.

On Jan. 27, Michael Kelly will sell at auction, 10 head of horses, 3 mules, cows, calves, pigs, hay and farm implements, etc., on farm in Wallace tp., 6 1/2 miles northeast of Ottawa, at 1 P. M. One year's time.

On Feb. 3d, Jerry O'Donnell will sell at auction, 9 mules, cows, 10 2-year old steers, 11 head of horses, shoats, farm implements, etc., in Rutland tp., two miles east of Ottawa, at 12 M. One year's time.

## A CLEAN SWEEP.

Gillen's Great Cleaning Out Sale.

The result of the great bargains offered to the public by H. J. Gillen, the popular dry goods dealer of this city, has been very satisfactory to him and his numerous customers. His object was to clean out his very large winter stock, to make way for an equally big one for the spring trade. The clearing out sale has progressed rapidly from day to day, and though vast inroads have been made upon this prodigious assortment, yet there remain unbroken lines of choice goods. He still has most desirable bargain cloaks, cloaking, besides short wraps and newmarkets, rich and elegant. He offers a big lot of children's goods, a full variety and at a great slaughter. Prices are no object. Mr. Gillen "means business." He is bound to

## CLEAN OUT

this stock of cloaks, shawls, blankets and flannel goods of all descriptions, and to accomplish this object will inaugurate a greater slaughter than ever before. If you need anything in the line of winter goods of any sort whatever you will get the best bargain you have ever heard of by calling at H. J. Gillen's at your earliest convenience.

Town Collector James Hoban will have his office in the surveyor's room in the court house, west side of the building, first floor. Tax payers will find him until taxes are paid. The amounts are now due.

The heaviest snow storm of the season fell on Thursday night and about all day yesterday. It was very moist and clung to everything with great tenacity. The sides of houses, limbs of trees and other objects were covered with "the beautiful" in wondrous configurations. About eight inches is supposed to have been the depth of this fall, yet trains were not delayed and the roads offered excellent travel, as the snow did not drift. The street laborers were kept busy everywhere, opening paths for travel.

## Traveling Salesmen Wanted.

A few good salesmen to sell my N. Y. Cigars on the road. Salary or commission. Address C. A. BARCHER, 168 Dearborn St., (First National Bank Building) Chicago.

## Auction Sales.

Parties contemplating making sales can secure the services of H. H. Newton, the auctioneer, by seeing Megaffin, the boot and shoe man, 24 Main street, Ottawa, Ill.

Fur caps from 75 cents up, for men, boys, and children, at Fiske & Beem's.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Buell, at the Sulphur Spring house, found the body of a dead man frozen solid in the ice in the Illinois river south of his house. Esquire Galvin, at the request of relatives of the deceased, who proved to be Mr. Joseph J. Johnson, of Peru, went to the scene to hold an inquest, the coroner being absent in Springfield, but finding it impossible to remove the body, returned to have it cut out in a cake of ice. In the meantime the coroner returned and held an inquest. The deceased was a man aged 60. He had been a mine surveyor, and gravitated between La Salle and Peru. He was married, and had a large family, but domestic troubles had caused his wife to apply for a divorce, which was pending in the circuit court, and decided in her favor by a higher tribunal.

## Werner's Boots and Shoes.

This popular young business man deserves much credit for the energy and business-qualities he has displayed. He commenced on a small scale, and by fair dealing and stick-to-itiveness, has built up a first-class business, and his store is so crowded that he thinks of removing into a larger one. He keeps a full stock of the best of goods, and sells at reasonable prices.

A fresh stock of these two dollar congress shoes for men's wear at J. Megaffin's.

There was a gay and happy society event near Prairie Center, at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening. It was the union in marriage of Mr. R. Dunn Palmer with Miss Nettie E. Cole, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McKay. The wedding transpired at the residence of Mrs. F. C. Cole, the mother of the bride, and about fifty guests, neighbors and relatives of the parties, were present. The wedding gifts were beautiful and the supper a triumph of the art of cookery. The happy couple left the next day for Omaha, and thence to Minden, Neb., where they will visit the groom's brother, Rush Palmer, Esq., who read Blackstone in Ottawa, and is now a thriving attorney. They will be absent about two weeks, and the people who know them all wish them joy beyond comparison.

At St. Columbia's church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. J. B. Lany and Miss Maggie Murnaghan were united in marriage. The ceremony was followed by a nuptial mass, Rev. John Ryan officiating. Miss Nellie Kennedy attended the bride, and Mr. J. T. Kennedy acted as best man. A reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents, in North Ottawa, where the many friends of the young couple enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

It is against our policy to carry stock from one season to another. Every buyer will profit by our clearing sale. No such value will be offered you in Ottawa this season. It is not a question of chance. Everything at Oak Hall is a reality. Oak Hall, north of court-house.

## Rob Sted.

Manley & Jordan have on hand a lot of the best and cheapest bob sleds ever brought to this market. They embrace some new principles and improvements that recommend themselves. Those sleds are made of the best of material, and were warranted to be strong and durable.

## Business Men's Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Business Men's Association, of Ottawa, Ill., at the Supervisor's room, in the court-house, on Tuesday evening, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance will be presented, and it is earnestly hoped that the business men of the city will attend to a man. The business is urgent. Come.

E. C. ALLEN, President.

E. G. OSWAN, Secretary.

It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance. This association should be reorganized, and a new set of officers elected. It should be reorganized on a more thoroughly business-like plan, which would give it life and character that it might have some power within itself, and not have the execution of its resolutions and orders depend simply on the caprice of a few of its members. The business men of Ottawa should remember that they owe it to their private business to become members, and take an active part in reorganizing and sustaining the association; and it is not a sign of superior wisdom and high-mindedness to stay away from its meetings, and then sneer at its doings, or assist in thwarting its purposes.

Bay's and children's overcoats are also included in our great clearing sale this week. 20 per cent off. Oak Hall, north of court-house.

## Leahy's Offer.

Mr. D. Leahy is the oldest dealer in boots and shoes in Ottawa. He is known far and near, and his word is synonymous with honesty. He has a fine stock of boots and shoes, all good and cheap. He offers special inducements in rubbers and overshoes for men, women and children.

Fur caps and robes marked less than cost to close out, at Fiske & Beem's.

WANTED.—To square up all my accounts to date. J. MEGAFFIN.

Sons of H.—The Sons of Herman, of this city, gave themselves a highly delightful mask ball at Turner Hall on Monday evening. There were 85 couple in the grand march and 150 couple danced. All in all, it was as gay and festive as could have been desired.

Sealskin sacks at way-down prices. Must close out what we have left by February 1, regardless of cost. Call early and secure a bargain. Fiske & Beem.

THE POTTERY.—One of the topics that ought to receive attention at the Business Men's Meeting is the Stoneware Pottery, the plant for which is now standing idle in this city. There is no question of the ability of Ottawa to make stoneware at a profit, and there are gentlemen with the necessary technical knowledge, experience at the bench and at the kiln, to make were provided the working capital is forthcoming. The workmen now here, anxious to see the pottery start up again, do not particularly desire a share in the management or profit of the concern, further than situations as turners, &c.; still they are willing to go into the pottery, make the ware, put it in the ware room at a certain price to the seller, (who furnishes the capital) and so relieve a man who could sell the ware, but does not understand the technical processes, of responsibility of making the ware. We personally know these gentlemen, who are known to be sober, reliable and industrious men, who being here prefer to stay rather than incur the expense of removing their families to other places.

The larger part of the ware used in the northern part of the state and Chicago is supplied by the stoneware potteries of Ohio. There is no pottery nearer to Ottawa (except at Lowell) than Peoria and Macomb, Ill. It would not be a difficult matter to find one or two buyers who would take nearly the product of the kilns at a profit. We deem this pottery the best manufacturing investment for a reasonable amount of money there is open in Ottawa today, and is worth the attention of investors.

All kinds of winter caps reduced to cost to close out before invoicing February 1. Good caps from 15 cents up. Keep warm. Fiske & Beem.

The grand jury tackled their duties on Monday morning, and seem to have been busy all week. They visited the jail yesterday and later in the afternoon took a ride to the county asylum, and will probably report and be discharged this morning.

Clearing sale this week at Oak Hall, tells you this week and until February, 15th is your opportunity for rare bargains in overcoats. Your choice of any overcoat in our store at 20 per cent. discount to make room for our spring opening. Oak Hall, north of court-house.

SHORT.—The investigating committee, it is said, report Ex-County Clerk Stockleg's storage to be over three thousand dollars, and several months of his term yet unexamined. "Stock" threatened to make his accounts good if it should take the cost off his back. Now the question is whether Stock's cost is worth as much as three or four thousand dollars!

## Scott Bros. & Co.

Have been MAKING IT LIVELY this week with their clearing out sale of winter goods.

Another great cut in the prices of CLOAKS. A large lot of ladies' and children's cloaks have been selected out and will be placed on sale to-day at 50c on the dollar. Every garment to be sold.

Also a few ladies' suits in silk and satin, also in cashmere, at the same reduction in price.

The enlarged shoe department of Scott Bros. & Co. has been unusually busy this week. The clearing out sale extends into this stock. When you want anything in the shoe line it will pay you well to visit Scott Bros. & Co.'s shoe department.

## Obituary.

Samuel B. Chapman, one of the old settlers of La Salle county, long time a citizen of Freedom, and for a several years of this city died at his home in East Ottawa, on Sunday morning last. He was born in England, Oct. 12, 1813, and came to this country when a mere lad with his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. After a few years in acquiring an education in a business college, then learning the coach maker's trade, he came to La Salle Co., in 1845, and opened his firm in Freedom. Mr. Chapman was married in 1839 to Charlotte Hinkson, of Dearborn county, Indiana, who died in April, 1851, leaving four children, John, Mary J., Margaret and William. One daughter, Julia, died in infancy. On Nov. 11th, 1851, Mr. Chapman was married to Eveline L. Greene, of Ashtabula Co., Ohio, and two children were born to them, James Rollo, and Addie Myrtle, now Mrs. James Hunt.

Died, at the house of Wm. Elliott, in Joliet, on Thursday evening, Mrs. Armenia C. Preston, aged 79 years. After short funeral services her remains were brought to Ottawa on Wednesday morning and placed in the west side cemetery. Mrs. Preston and her husband came to La Salle county in 1837 or 1838, lived a while on what was known as the "Hise place," north of the road to Marseilles, just west of the diverging bluff and hollow roads. Afterwards they made a farm near that of David Shaver's, where her husband died. She came to Ottawa into a new house, built by her, under the superintendence of her oldest son Charles. This structure is now the home of Mr. J. G. Nattinger. Here Charles died. Her other son, James, became a printer, taking his first lessons in the art preservative in the FREE TRADER office. He subsequently went to Louisville, Ky., and entered upon the printing business for himself, and died in that city some years ago. Mrs. Preston lived here till 1875, when she moved to Joliet and made her home with Mr. Tharp till 1884, when she changed to Mr. Elliott's. Her death ends the history of her family. She left no living relations. She was a lady of much refinement of character and of excellent judgment, and noted for her generosity and kindly disposition.

Mr. Jas. D. Porter, aged eighty-three, by a railroad accident in Georgia, had to have his left arm amputated, and as a result died. He was brought to this city on the 13th and buried at South Ottawa by the side of his wife, laid there sixteen years ago. Mr. Porter came to Illinois in 1845, and settled in Freedom. In 1857 he came to Grand Rapids where he resided till 1858. Since then he has made his home with his son, Colbert, in Kansas. He was hurt while on his way to Florida to spend the winter with his son William. Dr. Porter and Mr. Potter and husband of Chicago, Mr. G. Porter from Mission, attended the body to burial, in connection with Rev. Mr. Whittlesey and other old citizens and friends of the family.

Mrs. John Grandam, grand daughter of Mr. Samuel Hoey, an old time citizen of Ottawa, died at her mother's home in Streator, where she was visiting, on Friday night last, and on Monday, after mass was had in the solemn and impressive form peculiar to the Catholic Church, her remains were brought to Ottawa and interred in their last resting place in St. Columba cemetery. Her home was not far from Serena. She leaves a loving and deeply afflicted husband, but no children.

The funeral services occurred on Wednesday at his late residence, in East Ottawa, conducted by Rev. D. J. Holmes and N. W. Heermans of the Episcopal church. The remains were taken to Harding by relatives and friends and deposited by the side of others of his family.

Mr. James Quinn, an old and highly respected citizen of Ottawa, whose home was on the west side, north of La Fayettee, on Walnut St., died on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1887, aged 67 years. His disease was pneumonia, and his illness was short, (only five days) and owing to his age and decrepitude he could not overcome his fate. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and four children: Thomas, William, Bridget and Annie.

Mr. Albert Button, one of Ottawa's most exemplary and popular young men, aged about 23 years, died in Chicago on Thursday evening last, of lung disease. He had been employed in the U. S. Express office at Muscatine, Iowa, a couple of months, but he took a violent cold and his health failed. He returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Button, in East Ottawa, where he remained a short time. His health not improving, he went to Chicago on Sunday last and placed himself under the care of an electric physician, and died on the Thursday following.

## JAPAN TEA.

50c per lb.; Worth 80c.

TRY IT!

And you will never use any other. Buy 5 lbs. and get the reduced price.

W. C. RIALE & CO.

1794. 1810. 1887.

## HARTFORD

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

77th ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL,	- - - -	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve for Re Ins. & all other liabilities,	- - - -	2,015,959.71
Net Surplus,	- - - -	1,789,986.74
Total Assets,	- - - -	\$5,055,946.45

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$17,976.54.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$1,927,462.04.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$28,507,655.94.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

He will be remembered by many as a lad in the employ of M. B. Mitchell, in the tobacco business, and afterward a clerk with A. Jess & Co., in their extensive cigar factory, and for a time delivery clerk for the U. S. Express Co. His loss is deeply felt by many, and especially by the bereaved parents, who have the sympathy of all. His remains will be brought here for interment. The funeral will take place from his parent's home on Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

## Miss Eunice Goodrich.

This charming little actress will commence a week's engagement at the Opera House on Monday, Jan. 17th, producing Bronson Howard's New York success, "The Banker's Daughter," to be followed through the week with a fine repertoire of plays. Miss Goodrich has surrounded herself with a first-class company, several of whom have attained considerable prominence. Jas. B. McCann, who for two seasons was the leading support of Scanlan's elegant company, Miss Sadie Radcliffe, for three years a leading support to Maggie Mitchell, and Miss Emma Roasch, America's favorite German actress, are of the company.

The admission prices are 15 and 25 cents. A solid gold watch will be given away at Saturday Matinee and Saturday night performances.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ottawa was held Tuesday afternoon, and H. M. Hamilton, Phoebe M. Bushnell, E. C. Swift, Lorenzo Leland, William Cullen, E. V. Griggs and J. F. Nash were elected directors. The directors organized by electing H. M. Hamilton president and Wm. Cullen vice president.

The following officers were elected by Florence Lodge, No. 1, D. of R., for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. A. Wilson, N. G.; Mrs. Phillip Leiner, V. G.; W. J. Harris, Sec'y; A. J. Bennett, Financier; Mrs. A. J. Bennett, Treasurer; J. A. Wilson, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. D. E. Kent, L. S. N. G.; John W. Nattinger, Warden; Mrs. L. E. Piergue, Conductor; Mrs. J. W. Nattinger, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. John Vogel, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. H. E. Wilkinson, O. G.; Mrs. H. J. Logan, Chaplain. This Lodge is in a most flourishing condition.

On Wednesday evening the new officers of the Knights of Pythias, by district deputy, Carl Strach, of Peru, were installed in the handsome hall of that society in Lynch's block, as follows: E. P. Nitchelm, C. C.; Will H. Trabing, V. C.; Paul Zickler, P.; David Krouse, K. of R. S.; J. L. Piergue, M. F.; Geo. S. P. Fischer, M. of E.; J. J. Ruff, M. A.; A. J. Wright, J. G.; Henry Gleim, O. G.

WANTED.—The balance due on account. J. MEGAFFIN.

FOR SALE.—Essex hogs and Short Horn bull calves. W. J. NEELY, Ottawa, Ill.

The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. has doubled its business in the last two years. Agents are clearing \$1,000 to \$3,000 per annum. Address B. P. Hinman, General Agent, Room 20, Major Block, Chicago.

American diaries for 1887, at Griggs drug store.

## A Frightful Death.

A young citizen of Streator met his death at 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning, under peculiarly horrible circumstances. He was a conductor on the B. I. railroad, in charge of a through freight. As the train was passing over a small creek, 15 miles east of Streator, the caboose, in which Baker was riding, jumped the track and, after running 100 yards, rolled over in a ditch, and pulled over with it several other cars. After running about a third of a mile the front cars stopped. The brakeman went back to the caboose, where he made a fearful discovery. Mr. Baker had been riding in the cupola. The stove had overturned and the car was on fire. Baker could not get out, and he cried for help. The brakeman worked with the energy of despair, but could do nothing, and the poor conductor perished in the flames!

The articles on "Tariff Reform" by Henry L. Boltwood, the third of which appears in today's FREE TRADER are attracting considerable attention, both in this country and elsewhere. Today Bradner A. James, a protectionist of the most pronounced type, presents his reply to what Mr. Boltwood has heretofore said and promises in the future to continue the discussion. Mr. James may be a very good lover of his country and his literary style is readable, but his arguments are mere sophism. Mr. Boltwood has nothing to fear from a discussion of the tariff question. He will find that the people are with him and not against him, and that a free discussion of the question will but advance the cause which he presents. We are glad, though, that Mr. James has taken up the protection side and we trust he will continue to send his views to us.

## Land Sale.

The well known "Corwin Farm," containing 462 acres, lying three miles south of La Salle, will be sold at public sale by the master in chancery, at the city hall, Peru, Jan. 20. The farm is widely known as one of the best stock farms in the state, with never failing water, rich corn land, blue grass pastures, &c. The land will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Terms: one-third cash, balance on five years' time.

American diaries, the prettiest out, at E. V. Griggs' drug store.

Diaries for 1887, at HAPEMAN & GRAHAM'S.

SHOOTING.—A shooting match was perpetrated at Grand Ridge on Wednesday last, between a party named Meek and another called Spellman, for the championship of North America, Kansas and vicinity, including La Salle county. One of them shot seven out of twenty-one birds and the winner was Meek enough to take only eleven birds out of twenty-one, and thus victory sneaked up his gun. We know little boys here who can double discount such shooting and shut both eyes.

The officers of the M. E. church Sunday school for the current year, elected last Sabbath, are: E. H. Roberts, supt.; Gates, asst.; Miss Reno Vest, sec'y.; Miss Rita Horner, treas.; Chas. wing, librarian; Miss Ada Parsons, organist; Mr. Cole, chorister.